<u>REMARKS</u>

In the present Amendment, claims 24 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter claimed therein. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the present Amendment is clearly proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment is only cancelling claims and thus will simplify the issues on appeal. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered into the record of the instant application.

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